# CONNECTING AUSTRALIA AND THE PACIFIC THROUGH SPORT

Through two key programs - *PacificAus Sports* and *Team Up* - Australia and the Pacific are further strengthening our close regional ties through our shared love of sport.

*PacificAus Sports* develops pathways for Pacific teams and athletes to compete in elite competitions, and access high performance coaching in Australia and internationally. *Team Up* helps address barriers preventing women, girls and people with a disability from accessing beneficial sport programs.

**Geography makes us neighbours, sport makes us family**

***PacificAus Sports* initiatives include:**

* Providing ongoing support for the participation of **Fijian women's and men's teams** in the elite Super Rugby Women’s and Super Rugby Pacific, as well as the **Fiji Silktails** and **PNG Hunters** in Australian state rugby league competitions
* Supporting athletes across the Pacific to attend high‑performance training and qualification events for **Olympic, Paralympic,** and **Commonwealth Games**
* Supporting **national football teams** through increased international fixtures and high-performance training camps in Solomon Islands, Vanuatu and PNG
* Holding the annual **Pacific Netball Series**, providing valuable high-level competition for netballers throughout the Pacific
* Creating **AFL Talent Pathways** to support the development of Australian Rules Football in Nauru, PNG, Fiji and Vanuatu
* Providing **Pacific cricketers** access to high-performance coaching and competition, and and cross-cultural engagement with Australia's First Nations teams
* ***Team Up* initiatives include:**
* Partnering with over **70 organisations across 15 sports in seven Pacific countries,** with a focus on gender, disability, leadership, governance and knowledge
* Combining **cricket participation** and **structured education** to bring community awareness and solutions to gender and disability issues
* Using table tennis to **promote inclusion** and **showcase the skills** of individuals with disabilities
* Improving the **rapid growth** and **inclusion** of women and girls in rugby union

## How we deliver

## Through *PacificAus Sports* we partner with Australian national sports organisations to support a range of Pacific sports, including rugby league, rugby union, netball, football, AFL, cricket and Olympic/Paralympic sports, with funding split evenly between women and men.

## Through *Team Up* we partner with organisations to deliver sport for development programs and support vulnerable communities in Fiji, Nauru, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga and Vanuatu.